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Scenario note for the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme

Note by the secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The present note, prepared on the basis of guidance from the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme elected at the sixth session of the Assembly, sets out the proposed plans and general expectations for the seventh session of the Assembly. The note is intended to assist representatives of Member States and observers in preparing for a successful session.
2. Pursuant to Environment Assembly [decision 6/7 of 1 March 2024](#), the seventh session of the Assembly will be held at the headquarters of UNEP in Nairobi from Monday, 8 to Friday, 12 December 2025 under the theme “Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet” and will consist of an opening plenary, two high-level dialogues on cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements with a concluding segment, a high-level segment opening plenary, plenary meetings with national statements, three high-level leadership dialogues, a multi-stakeholder dialogue and a closing plenary.
3. The session will be opened at 10 a.m.¹ on Monday, 8 December. The meeting is expected to conclude by 6 p.m. on Friday, 12 December.
4. The seventh session will be held in person, with interpretation provided in the six official languages of the United Nations.
5. The session of the Environment Assembly will be preceded by the [seventh meeting of the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives](#), to be held from Monday, 1 to Friday, 5 December, which will serve as the main preparatory meeting for the Assembly (see **part II** of the present note). The work of the Open-ended Committee will be conducted in plenary meetings, with informal working groups convened as necessary. Given the limited time available and size of delegations, and as requested by Member States, no more than two working group meetings will be held at the same time. The meetings of the Open-ended Committee will be held fully in person. Following established practice, all the plenary meetings of the seventh meeting of the Open-ended

¹ All time references are to Nairobi time (UTC + 3).

Committee will be conducted in the six United Nations official languages, while working group meetings will be held in English only.

6. The meetings of the Environment Assembly will be held in conference rooms 1 and 2. The seating arrangement in the meeting rooms will follow that of the eightieth session of the General Assembly. Therefore, the Niger will occupy the first desk on the meeting room floor from which the alphabetical seating order will begin.
7. An overview of the organization of work for the session is set out in annex II to the present note as well as [here](#).
8. The proceedings of the seventh session of the Environment Assembly will be live streamed via [United Nations Web TV](#) in all six official languages to make them accessible to the general public as well as to journalists and media representatives.
9. Journalists and media representatives will have a dedicated space at the United Nations Office at Nairobi in which to conduct interviews and other reporting activities. Journalists will be granted access to open meetings, including the high-level segment, the high-level and leadership dialogues, the multi-stakeholder dialogue and side events as well as the meetings of the Open-ended Committee.
10. The notification by the Executive Director and detailed information about registration for participants and about the process for the submission of credentials by Member States have been made available to Member States on the [official website of the seventh session](#).
11. All background [documentation](#) for the session (pre-session documents), as well as in-session and post-session documents, will be made available on the official [website](#).
12. Detailed information about the seventh session, including the calendar of meetings and events, is available on the official [website](#).
13. Requests for clarification about the information provided in the present note may be sent to the Secretariat of Governing Bodies and Stakeholders (unep-sgb@un.org).

II. Preparations for the session

14. Pursuant to Governing Council [decision 27/2 of 22 February 2013](#) and Environment Assembly [decision 6/7 of 1 March 2024](#), the Committee of Permanent Representatives is engaged in the preparatory work for the seventh session of the Environment Assembly, including through the 12th annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee, which was held from 1 to 5 September 2025, and the seventh meeting of the Open-ended Committee, which will take place from 1 to 5 December 2025.
15. Preparations for the seventh meeting of the Open-ended Committee are facilitated by the Bureau of the Committee, in consultation with the Bureau of the Environment Assembly, including through regular joint meetings of the two bureaux.
16. At the first plenary meeting of the seventh session of the Environment Assembly, on Monday, 8 December, the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives will report to the Assembly on the work of the Committee, including on the outcomes of the seventh meeting of the Open-ended Committee. All documentation pertaining to the meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives is available on the [Committee's webpage](#) and the [e-Proposals module on the e-deleGATE platform](#). Additional information about the [Open-ended Committee](#) meeting is available on the official [website of the seventh session of the Assembly](#).
17. Meeting rooms will be allocated, upon request, to regional and political groups to facilitate their consultations, as necessary, throughout the Open-ended Committee meeting, and on Saturday, 29 November and Sunday, 30 November, as well as outside the official hours of the plenary meetings of the Environment Assembly, which are generally held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. To book rooms, please contact mathilde.courroye@un.org with a copy to nasrudin.hajinur@un.org.

III. Scenario for the session

A. Opening plenary meeting

18. The seventh session of the Environment Assembly will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 8 December by Abdullah Bin Ali Al-Amri, President of the Environment Authority of Oman and President of the Assembly.

19. At the first plenary meeting, under agenda item 2 (Adoption of the agenda and organization of work), the Environment Assembly is expected to adopt the provisional agenda ([UNEP/EA.7/1](#)), which was approved by the Assembly at its sixth session. An annotated provisional agenda (UNEP/EA.7/1/Add.1) is available on the official [website of the seventh session](#).
20. Also under agenda item 2, the Assembly is expected to consider the organization of work for the session, on the basis of the annotated provisional agenda and the organization of work as outlined in annex II and provided [here](#). Pursuant to rule 61 of the rules of procedure, the Assembly may establish a committee of the whole. The Assembly may also elect the chair and rapporteur of the Committee of the Whole (**see part IV**). Furthermore, the Assembly may decide to allocate agenda items 5 (International environmental policy and governance issues), 6 (Programme of work and budget and other administrative and budgetary issues) and 11 (Provisional agenda, dates and venue of the eighth session of the Environment Assembly) to the committee of the whole and to consider the outcome of the committee's work at the closing plenary meeting of the seventh session.
21. At its first plenary meeting, under agenda item 1 (Opening of the session), the Assembly will hear opening statements by the Executive Director of UNEP, the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi, a high-level representative of the host country, Kenya, and the chairs of the regional and political groups.
22. Also at its first plenary meeting, the Assembly will hear opening statements from each of the nine major groups and stakeholders under agenda item 7 (Stakeholder engagement).
23. At its first plenary meeting, the Assembly is also expected to defer consideration of agenda item 3 (Credentials of representatives) to the plenary meeting on 11 December, in the afternoon. At that meeting, the Assembly will be invited to consider and approve the report of the Bureau on the credentials of representatives to the seventh session and then conclude its consideration of agenda item 3.
24. At its first plenary meeting, the Assembly is also expected to consider agenda item 4 (Report by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives) and may take early action on draft resolutions and decisions on the basis of the Committee's recommendations, as referred to in agenda item 12 (Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session).
25. Also at its first plenary meeting, the Assembly is expected to consider agenda item 8 (Contributions to the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development).
26. On 11 and 12 December the Assembly will consider agenda item 9 (High-level segment), which encompasses an opening plenary meeting with statements by key dignitaries; national statements; three leadership dialogues; a multi-stakeholder dialogue; and a closing plenary meeting (**see part VI, VII and IX**).
27. The Assembly will consider agenda item 10 (Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements) on 10 December and is expected to resume consideration of the item during the closing plenary, taking into account the convening of two high-level dialogues and a moderated discussion on the conclusions and key outcomes also scheduled for 10 December (**see part VIII**).
28. The Assembly is expected to consider agenda items 12 (Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session), 13 (Election of officers), 14 (Other matters), 15 (Adoption of the report of the session) and 16 (Closure of the session) at its closing plenary on 12 December.

B. High-level dialogues on cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements

29. On 10 December, the Environment Assembly will highlight the importance of cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements - celebrating success stories, championing integrated solutions, and inspiring greater collective environmental action - in a plenary meeting fully devoted to the consideration of agenda item 10 (Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements) (**see part VIII**).
30. The opening of the consideration of the agenda item will be followed by two high-level dialogues, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. The day will conclude with a moderated high-level plenary discussion from 5 to 6 p.m. highlighting the conclusions and key outcomes of the day.
31. The Assembly will resume its consideration of agenda item 10 at its closing plenary meeting, on 12 December, for the presentation of summaries of the two dialogues.

C. High-level segment

32. Pursuant to paragraph 5 of Governing Council decision 27/2, the Assembly will hold a high-level segment on 11 and 12 December 2025 under item 9 of the agenda of the session (**see parts VI, VII and IX**). The high-level segment will address the overarching theme of the seventh session, “Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet”.
33. The high-level segment will be supported by a report by the Executive Director to the Assembly at its seventh session (UNEP/EA.7/2(I) and UNEP/EA.7/2(II)).
34. The segment will include an opening plenary, from 10 to 10.30 a.m. on 11 December, which is expected to consist of opening statements by high-level representatives and dignitaries, including the President of the Environment Assembly, the President of the General Assembly, the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Executive Director of UNEP, and the President of the Republic of Kenya.
35. The opening segment will be followed by national statements from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting with statements from Heads of State and Government.
36. In the afternoon of 11 December, from 3 to 6 p.m., national statements will resume. If necessary, an additional plenary meeting will be held from 7.30 to 10.30 p.m. to provide sufficient time for the delivery of national statements. In parallel, a leadership dialogue will be held from 3 to 4.30 p.m. on the theme “An Ounce of Prevention Beats a Tonne of Cure: Why addressing environmental crises is essential for human health”. The leadership dialogue will be followed by a multi-stakeholder dialogue with representatives of major groups and stakeholders from 4.30 to 6 p.m. focusing on the theme “Resilience through inclusive partnerships: Catalyzing solutions across sectors”.
37. The high-level segment will continue on 12 December with a plenary meeting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to conclude the delivery of national statements. In parallel, two consecutive leadership dialogues will be held – one from 10 to 11.30 a.m. on the theme “Round and Round: Why circularity and sustainability are critical to the future of global industry” and a second from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the theme “The Bottom Line: Why tackling environmental degradation is critical to the future of the global financial system”.
38. The outcomes of the leadership dialogues and the multi-stakeholder dialogue will be presented at the closing plenary meeting under agenda item 9.

D. Closing plenary meeting

39. The closing plenary meeting will be held on 12 December from 3 to 6 p.m.
40. At its closing plenary meeting, the Assembly is expected to conclude consideration of agenda item 9 (High-level segment), following the presentation of the outcomes of the three leadership dialogues and the multi-stakeholder dialogue.
41. The Assembly is also expected to consider agenda item 12 (Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session) and to take action on the draft ministerial declaration.
42. The Assembly is expected to resume and conclude its consideration of agenda item 10 (Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements), following the presentation of the outcomes of the two high-level dialogues on cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements.
43. In addition, the Assembly is expected to consider agenda items 5 (International environmental policy and governance issues) and 6 (Programme of work and budget and other administrative and budgetary issues) and to hear a statement by the Chair of the committee of the whole, who will present the report of the committee of the whole.
44. The Assembly is also expected to resume its consideration of agenda item 12 (Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session) and to take action on any pending draft resolutions or decisions.
45. Furthermore, the Assembly is expected to resume consideration of agenda item 7 (Stakeholder engagement) in order to hear a consolidated closing statement on behalf of all nine major groups and stakeholders.
46. Pursuant to rule 18 of the rules of procedure, under agenda item 13 (Election of officers), the Assembly will elect officers for its eighth session. Pursuant to paragraph 6 of Governing Council decision 27/2, the Bureau is “composed of 10 members to reflect the universality of the governing

body, in accordance with equitable geographical distribution, and will perform the functions as set out in the rules of procedure of the governing body”. In accordance with Environment Assembly decision 1/1, “each of the five regions shall be represented by two members in the 10-member Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly”. In accordance with the principle of regional rotation, the Assembly will elect the following officers of the Bureau: a president to be nominated by the group of Latin American and Caribbean States; eight vice-presidents to be nominated as follows: two from the group of African States, two from the group of Asia-Pacific States, two from the group of Eastern European States, one from the group of Latin American and Caribbean States, and one from the group of Western European and other States; and a rapporteur to be nominated by the group of Western European and other States.

47. Also at its closing plenary meeting, the Assembly is expected to consider agenda item 11 (Provisional agenda, dates and venue of the eighth session of the Environment Assembly) and take action on a draft decision on the matter.

48. The Assembly will also consider agenda item 14 (Other matters).

49. Finally, under agenda item 15 (Adoption of the report of the session), the Assembly will be invited to consider and adopt the draft proceedings of the session. The closure of the session (agenda item 16) will include closing statements.

IV. Committee of the whole

50. A sessional committee of the whole is expected to conduct its work under agenda items 5 (International environmental policy and governance issues), 6 (Programme of work and budget and other administrative and budgetary issues) and 11 (Provisional agenda, dates and venue of the eighth session of the Environment Assembly), starting on the morning of Monday, 8 December, after the first plenary meeting of the Assembly, and concluding on Wednesday, 10 December. The committee of the whole is expected to report to the Assembly at its closing plenary meeting, on Friday, 12 December. The plenary meetings of the committee of the whole will be conducted with interpretation in all six official languages and live streamed via [United Nations Web TV](#).

51. Pursuant to rule 62 of its rules of procedure and on the basis of a recommendation by the bureaux of the Environment Assembly and the Committee of Permanent Representatives, the Assembly will elect a chair and a rapporteur of the committee of the whole.

52. To facilitate the work of the committee of the whole, the Chair may propose that Member States take note of the information provided by the Executive Director under agenda items 5, 6 and 11 of the provisional agenda. All relevant reports pertaining to these items are available on the official [website of the seventh session](#). Draft resolutions and draft decisions will be made available on the e-Proposals module on the [e-deleGATE platform](#).

53. To ensure timely delivery of its work, the committee of the whole may, if necessary, establish one or more informal working/contact groups with the aim of finalizing any pending draft resolutions and decisions. Following the recommendation from the bureaux of the Environment Assembly and the Committee of Permanent Representatives, such informal working/contact groups will hold their meetings in person. Such meetings will be held only in English.

54. Pursuant to rule 70 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, major groups and stakeholders will be allocated seats to observe the proceedings of the committee of the whole, including those of the informal working/contact groups, and may be invited to make interventions as appropriate, at the discretion of the Chair of the Committee.

55. At its final plenary meeting, on 10 December, the committee of the whole is expected to consider the conclusions from the working/contact groups, and, where possible, approve draft resolutions or decisions for submission to the Assembly at its final plenary meeting, on 12 December.

V. Credentials

56. In accordance with rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the Environment Assembly, each member of the Assembly shall be represented by an accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required. In accordance with rule 17, the credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to the Executive Director before the first meeting that representatives are to attend.

57. Member States should send an advance scanned copy of their credentials, signed by either the Head of State or Government or the minister for foreign affairs, as well as other formal communications containing the names of representatives to the Environment Assembly (such as letters and notes verbales from permanent missions or formal communications from government ministries) through the e-credentials [module on the e-deleGATE platform](#).

58. The original hard copy of the credentials and other communications should be submitted to the Law Division of UNEP for the attention of the UNEP Principal Legal Adviser. During the session of the Assembly, delegations may, alternatively, deposit original hard copies of credentials at the badging centre.

59. In accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the Assembly will be invited at its plenary meeting on 11 December, in the afternoon, to consider and approve the report of the Bureau on the credentials of representatives in attendance.

VI. High-level dialogues on cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements

60. It is anticipated that during the plenary meeting on Wednesday, 10 December, from 10 to 10:30 a.m., the Assembly will begin consideration of agenda item 10, with statements by the President of the Environment Assembly and the Executive Director of UNEP and brief introductory remarks by Member States serving as Presidents of the governing bodies of multilateral environmental agreements. The President of the Environment Assembly will then conclude this stage of the consideration of the item and adjourn the plenary meeting.

61. Two high-level dialogues will follow, engaging participants in an interactive high-level discussion on agenda item 10 – Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements.

62. The first high-level dialogue will focus on “Signed, Sealed, Delivered? - Turbocharging MEA implementation through whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches” and will be held on Wednesday, 10 December from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The second high-level dialogue will focus on “Keeping the Promise - Boosting SDG implementation through the MEAs” and will be held on Wednesday 10 December from 3 to 5 p.m.

63. The two dialogues will be followed by a one-hour moderated high-level discussion on the conclusions of the MEAs Day providing the opportunity to reflect on the solutions and ideas presented during the high-level dialogues, as well as the suggested areas for further action. The moderated high-level discussion on the conclusions will be held on Wednesday, 10 December from 5 to 6 p.m.

64. The two high-level dialogues and moderated high-level discussion on the conclusions will be held fully in person as high-level, interactive moderated sessions. They will be open to all participants accredited to the seventh session of the Assembly. They will be held with interpretation in all six official languages and live streamed via [United Nations Web TV](#).

65. There will be no pre-established list of speakers for the two high-level dialogues. Participants will be invited to raise their name plates to indicate their wish to speak when the floor is open for interventions. Each dialogue will be facilitated by a moderator to ensure an interactive discussion. Guiding questions are provided in the concept notes to guide the preparation of interventions from the participants. If time allows, the moderator may address follow-up questions to the speakers.

66. The structure of the two high-level dialogues will be as follows: after explaining the modalities of participation, the moderator will open the floor for an interactive discussion totalling 110 minutes, during which Member States, MEA Secretariats, observers, relevant UN entities and Specialized Agencies and intergovernmental/international organizations, as well as accredited major groups and stakeholders participating in UNEA-7, will be invited to stand and share their perspectives, reflections and experiences.

67. In determining the order of speakers, priority will be given to speakers at the level of Head of State or Government or the ministerial level, followed by high-level representatives and other stakeholders. Efforts will be made to ensure that participation in the two high-level dialogue is interactive and balanced among speakers from participating Member States, MEA Secretariats, observers, relevant UN entities and Specialized Agencies and intergovernmental/international organizations, as well as accredited major groups and stakeholders. It is envisaged that for each of the high-level dialogues, representatives of up to twelve Member States; representatives (Executive Secretaries and Heads) of Multilateral Environmental Agreements; three intergovernmental organizations, specialized agencies, and other United Nations system entities; and three major groups and stakeholders may be able to speak during the interactive discussion To ensure maximum

participation, interventions should be made from the floor and should adhere strictly to the time limit of 2 minutes. The moderator will end each of the high-level dialogues with brief closing remarks.

68. The structure of the moderated high-level discussion on the conclusions of MEAs Day will be as follows: after explaining the modalities of participation, the moderator will invite the moderators from the two high-level dialogues to deliver remarks on the conclusions and outcomes of the dialogues for a total of five minutes each. The moderator will then invite selected representatives from Member States, the MEAs, major groups and stakeholders seated on the stage to deliver remarks for a total of 3 minutes each. Following the selected speakers' interventions, the moderator will open the floor for any additional interventions from the room for a total of twenty minutes. For the participation from the floor, efforts will be made to ensure that there is interaction and balance among speakers from participating Member States, MEA Secretariats, observers, relevant UN entities and Specialized Agencies and intergovernmental/international organizations, as well as accredited major groups and stakeholders. To ensure maximum participation, interventions should adhere strictly to the time limit of two minutes. To conclude the moderated high-level discussion on the conclusions, the moderator will invite the Deputy Executive Director of UNEP to deliver brief closing remarks.

69. The Assembly will resume its consideration of agenda item 10 on Friday, 12 December, during the closing plenary meeting, for the presentation of summaries of the two high-level dialogues and the moderated high-level discussion on the conclusions. The Assembly will be invited to take note of the outcomes of the dialogues, which will be included in the final report of the session.

70. A dedicated background document (UNEP/EA.7/INF.6) to support the consideration of agenda item 10, including concept notes for each dialogue, will be available on the official [website](#). Any questions regarding the organization of the dialogues can be addressed to: Mr Andrea Rizzo (andrea.rizzo@un.org) and Ms Chiara Magrelli (chiara.magrelli@un.org).

VII. National statements

71. National statements on the theme of the Assembly, "Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet", will be delivered on Thursday, 11 December and Friday, 12 December, under agenda item 9 (High-level segment). Statements may be delivered by representatives of Member States and, time permitting, in accordance with rules 68, 69 and 70 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, by members of specialized agencies, the specialized agencies, United Nations bodies, accredited intergovernmental organizations, regional economic integration organizations, and major groups and stakeholders.

72. The list of speakers for national statements will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, with due regard to protocol and established practices. The secretariat has disseminated the [guidance note](#) on inscription on the list of speakers. The guidance note is also available on the [official website of the seventh session](#).

73. Heads of State and Government will have the opportunity to deliver national statements in person during the high-level segment, on 11 December, immediately following the opening segment.

74. Member States, observers and the European Union as well as accredited intergovernmental organizations will be invited to inscribe themselves on the list of speakers in advance of the Assembly using the [e-Speakers module](#). In doing so, they will be invited to indicate the level of the speaker who will deliver the statement and the preferred day of delivery of the statement. Specialized agencies, related organizations, the United Nations bodies may contact the secretariat (unea-statements@un.org) to be inscribed on the list of speakers. Accredited major groups and stakeholders should contact unep-civilsociety@un.org to be inscribed on the list of speakers. The list will remain open for inscription until Tuesday, 9 December, and a provisional list will be made available to all delegations by Friday, 28 November. Member States inscribed at the same level may exchange places on the list by mutual agreement and should inform the secretariat of such exchanges at least three hours in advance of delivery (unea-statements@un.org).

75. In accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure, and to allow maximum participation by delegations, the President of the Assembly will establish a time limit of 3 minutes for statements by individual delegations and 5 minutes for statements made on behalf of groups of States, which will be strictly adhered to and on the understanding that delegations can provide a more extensive text for distribution. Major groups and stakeholders will be given a time limit of 3 minutes, unless the statement is on behalf of all nine major groups, in which case the time limit will be 5 minutes. A countdown timer will operate in the conference room to guide speakers. When a representative exceeds her or his allotted time, the President shall call the speaker to order without delay, which will be done by means of automatic microphone cut-off.

76. Statements can be made in any of the six official languages of the United Nations. Delegations wishing to make a statement in a language other than one of the six official languages must provide interpretation from the non-official language into an official language. The interpretation by United Nations interpreters into the other official languages will be based on the interpretation into a United Nations language provided by the interpreter working from the non-official language. Delegations wishing to intervene in a language other than the official languages and to provide interpretation are requested to inform the Division of Conference Services on or before 30 November 2025, by email to nadya.omar@un.org and tirus.kariuki@un.org with a copy to the Chief Interpreter at pedro.espinosa@un.org, in order to receive further instructions.

77. Statements will be delivered from a lectern in conference room 2 and live streamed via [United Nations Web TV](#) in all six official languages.

VIII. Leadership dialogues

78. Three leadership dialogues will be held, with the aim of promoting an interactive high-level discussion on the overarching theme “Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet”.

79. The first leadership dialogue, on the theme “An Ounce of Prevention Beats a Tonne of Cure: Why addressing environmental crises is essential for human health” will be held on Thursday, 11 December from 3 to 4.30 p.m. More information is available [here](#).

80. The second leadership dialogue, on the theme “Round and Round: Why circularity and sustainability are critical to the future of global industry” will be held on Friday, 12 December from 10 to 11.30 a.m. More information is available [here](#).

81. The third leadership dialogue, on the theme “The Bottom Line: Why tackling environmental degradation is critical to the future of the global financial system” will be held on Friday, 12 December from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. More information is available [here](#).

82. Each dialogue will last about 90 minutes and will be held fully in person as a high-level, interactive moderated session. The leadership dialogues will be open to all participants accredited to the seventh session of the Assembly. The dialogues will be held with interpretation in all six official languages and live streamed via [United Nations Web TV](#).

83. There will be no pre-established list of speakers for the dialogues. Delegations will be invited to raise their name plates to indicate their wish to speak when the floor is open for interventions. Each dialogue will be facilitated by a moderator to ensure an interactive discussion. Guiding questions are provided in the [concept notes](#) to guide the preparation of interventions. If time allows, the moderator may address follow-up questions to the guest speakers.

84. The structure of each dialogue will be as follows: after explaining the modalities of participation, the moderator will invite three guest speakers representing relevant sectors to set the scene with introductory remarks of 5 minutes each. The moderator will then open the floor for an interactive discussion totalling 70 minutes, during which delegations will be invited to share their perspectives, reflections and experiences and the guest speakers may be invited to respond to comments as appropriate.

85. In determining the order of speakers, priority will be given to speakers at the level of Head of State or Government or the ministerial level, followed by high-level representatives and other stakeholders. Efforts will be made to ensure that participation in the leadership dialogue is interactive and balanced among speakers from participating Member States, observers, and major groups and stakeholders. It is envisaged that representatives of up to 15 Member States; three intergovernmental organizations, specialized agencies, and other United Nations system entities; and three major groups and stakeholders may be able to speak during the interactive discussion. To ensure maximum participation, interventions should be made from the floor and should adhere strictly to the time limit of 2 minutes. After the interventions, the moderator will return to the guest speakers to make brief remarks in reaction to the statements made from the floor, before closing the session.

86. A summary of each dialogue will be prepared by the secretariat and presented orally by the moderator(s) at the closing plenary meeting and will be included in the final report of the session.

87. The concept note for each leadership dialogue will be available on the [official website](#) of the seventh session. Any questions regarding the organization of the leadership dialogues can be addressed to Ailis Rego (ailis.rego@un.org).

IX. Multi-stakeholder dialogue

88. A multi-stakeholder dialogue will be convened on Thursday, 11 December from 4.30 to 6 p.m. under the overarching theme of the seventh session with a focus on “Resilience through inclusive partnerships: Catalyzing solutions across sectors”. The dialogue, held as a panel discussion, will provide an opportunity for the major groups and stakeholders to engage with Governments and observers on the theme of the Assembly. The dialogue will be held with interpretation in all six official languages and live streamed via United Nations Web TV.

89. The dialogue will be facilitated by a moderator, who will give a short introduction and a brief overview of the objectives and expected outcomes of the dialogue. The moderator will then invite keynote speakers to set the stage for the dialogue through short introductory interventions. The dialogue will include interventions by panellists representing five different major groups. Following the introduction and the panel discussion, the moderator will open the floor for an interactive discussion for 60 minutes.

90. A concept note on the dialogue, including guiding questions, is available on the official website [of the seventh session](#). Questions about the organization of the multi-stakeholder dialogue can be addressed to David Ombisi (david.ombisi@un.org).

91. An oral summary of the dialogue will be presented at the closing plenary meeting and will be included in the final report of the session.

X. Other events associated with the United Nations Environment Assembly

92. Several associated events, including pre-session events, side events, media events and hospitality events, will be organized by UNEP, Member States and other entities.

93. The [Youth Environment Assembly \(YEA\)](#) is the largest global gathering of youth advocating for environmental action within the UN Environment Programme. Organized by the [Children and Youth Major Group \(CYMG\)](#), YEA serves as the official youth forum leading up to the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA), ensuring meaningful youth engagement in its processes and decision-making while advancing youth-led priorities like the [Global Youth Declaration on the Environment](#). In line with the UNEA-7 theme of "Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet", the YEA has three core objectives: Youth Advocacy in UNEA-7, ensure meaningful youth participation in UNEA, capacity building as well as collaboration and networking. The third edition of the Youth Environment Assembly will take place on 29-30 November and culminate in a high-level segment on the afternoon of Sunday, 7th of December to which Member States and other stakeholders are invited to attend.

94. The twenty-first Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum ([GMGSF-21](#)) will take place on 6–7 December 2025 preceding the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7). Organized by the UNEP-accredited major groups and stakeholders with support from UNEP's Civil Society unit, the Forum is open to both accredited and non-accredited civil society organizations, Member States, UN entities and IGOs. It serves as a platform for participants to coordinate and finalize their inputs and recommendations to the Environment Assembly; engage with UNEP's Executive Director, UNEP directors, and other stakeholders for an exchange of ideas. The Forum also supports capacity building and ensures that regional perspectives and priorities developed through Regional Consultative Meetings in each of the 6 UNEP regions and highlighted in the regional statements and reflected in [UNEP/EA.7/INF/3](#) also feed into UNEA. For any questions, please contact the UNEP Civil Society Unit: unep-civilsociety@un.org

95. From 1 December, the major groups and stakeholders will organize activities in the “green room” (conference room 14), a dedicated space for civil society organizations to meet, present and discuss initiatives, and hold capacity-building and other events.

96. A total of 19 [official side events](#) have been selected for the seventh session by the bureaux of the Environment Assembly and of the Committee of Permanent Representatives from a large number of applications. The side events will take place in person from 8 to 12 December during lunch breaks (1.30 to 2.45 p.m.) and in the evenings (6.30 to 7.45 p.m.) except in the evening of 12 December. Information about official side events is available on the official [website of the seventh session](#).

97. In addition to the high-level dialogues referred to in part VIII, other events related to multilateral environmental agreements will be held from 8 to 12 December. A full list of such side events is available on the official [website](#).

98. The secretariats of multilateral environmental agreements, in cooperation with UNEP and other partners, will be invited to host exhibitions during the entire week to showcase their work on integrated approaches and solutions to advance cooperation, collaboration and synergies in a dedicated exhibition space. In addition, a programme of side events will be held to enable the Secretariats of multilateral environmental agreements, UNEP and relevant partners to showcase partnerships and success stories in multilateral environmental agreements implementation, promoting integrated approaches, collaboration, cooperation and synergies on cross-cutting topics relevant to the theme of the seventh session of the Environment Assembly. A full list of exhibitions is available on the official [website](#).

99. In the margins of the meeting, a number of associated events will also be held. A comprehensive [list of associated events](#), including programme, location and other details, is available on the official [website](#).

Annex I

List of documents for the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

Working documents

UNEP/EA.7/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/EA.7/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
UNEP/EA.7/2 (I)	Report of the Executive Director on “Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet” – Part I
UNEP/EA.7/2 (II)	Report of the Executive Director on “Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet” -Part II
UNEP/EA.7/3	Draft medium-term strategy for the period 2026 - 2029
UNEP/EA.7/4	Draft programme of work and budget for the biennium 2026 - 2027
UNEP/EA.7/4/Add.1	Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the draft programme of work and budget for the biennium 2026 - 2027
UNEP/EA.7/5	Seventh Global Environment Outlook – Summary for Policymakers
UNEP/EA.7/6	Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 5/8 on science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution
UNEP/EA.7/7	Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 6/1 on circularity of a resilient, low-carbon sugar cane agro-industry
UNEP/EA.7/8	Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 6/3 on enhancing the role and viability of regional forums of environment ministers and United Nations Environment Programme regional offices in achieving multilateral cooperation in tackling environmental challenges
UNEP/EA.7/9	Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 6/4 on promoting synergies, cooperation or collaboration for national implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and other relevant environmental instruments and progress in the implementation of resolution 6/6 on fostering national action to address global environmental challenges through increased cooperation between the United Nations Environment Assembly, the United Nations Environment Programme and multilateral environmental agreements
UNEP/EA.7/10	Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 6/5 on environmental aspects of minerals and metals
UNEP/EA.7/11	Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 6/7 on combating sand and dust storms
UNEP/EA.7/12	Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 6/8 on promoting sustainable lifestyles
UNEP/EA.7/13	Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 6/9 on sound management of chemicals and waste to address lead, cadmium, arsenic and organotins
UNEP/EA.7/14	Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 6/9 on sound management of chemicals and waste
UNEP/EA.7/15	Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 6/10 on promoting regional cooperation on air pollution to improve air quality globally
UNEP/EA.7/16	Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 6/11 on highly hazardous pesticides
UNEP/EA.7/17	Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 6/12 on environmental assistance and recovery in areas affected by armed conflict

UNEP/EA.7/18	Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 6/13 on effective and inclusive solutions for strengthening water policies to achieve sustainable development in the context of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution
UNEP/EA.7/19	Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 6/14 on strengthening international efforts to combat desertification and land degradation, restore degraded land, promote land conservation and sustainable land management, contribute to land degradation neutrality, and enhance drought resilience
UNEP/EA.7/20	Report of the Executive Director on progress in the implementation of resolution 6/15 on strengthening ocean efforts to tackle climate change, marine biodiversity loss and pollution

Information documents

UNEP/EA.7/INF/1	Note by the secretariat: Scenario note for the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly
UNEP/EA.7/INF/2	Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives
UNEP/EA.7/INF/3	Note by the secretariat: Compilation of statements and recommendations by major groups and stakeholders for consideration by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its seventh session
UNEP/EA.7/INF/4	Note by the secretariat: Information on the implementation of decision 6/6 on the management of trust funds and earmarked contributions
UNEP/EA.7/INF/5	Note by the secretariat: Global Environmental Data Strategy
UNEP/EA.7/INF/6	Note by the secretariat: Information on the implementation of resolution 6/4 on promoting synergies, cooperation or collaboration for national implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and other relevant environmental instruments and resolution 6/6 on fostering national action to address global environmental challenges through increased cooperation between the United Nations Environment Assembly, the United Nations Environment Programme and multilateral environmental agreements
UNEP/EA.7/INF/7	Note by the secretariat: Information on the implementation of resolution 5/7 on the sound management of chemicals and waste, updating the report entitled “State of the Science of Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals 2012”
UNEP/EA.7/INF/8	Note by the secretariat: Information on the implementation of resolution 6/3 on enhancing the role and viability of regional forums of environment ministers and United Nations Environment Programme regional offices in achieving multilateral cooperation in tackling environmental challenges
UNEP/EA.7/INF/9	Note by the Secretariat: Information on the implementation of resolution 5/6 on biodiversity and health
UNEP/EA.7/INF/10	Note by the Secretariat: Information on the implementation of resolution 6/9 on sound management of chemicals and waste to address lead, cadmium, arsenic, and organotins
UNEP/EA.7/INF/11	Note by the Secretariat: Information on the work undertaken within the framework of the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm conventions, as it relates to the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

Annex II

Provisional timetable for the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

<i>Date/time</i>		<i>Agenda item/programme</i>
Monday, 8 December		
1st plenary meeting		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	1	Opening of the session
	2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work <i>Adoption of the agenda</i> <i>Establishment of a committee of the whole¹</i> <i>Election of the chair and rapporteur of the committee of the whole</i> <i>Allocation of agenda items</i> <i>Consideration of the organization of work</i>
	1	Opening of the session (<i>continued</i>) <i>Opening statements</i>
	7	Stakeholder engagement <i>Opening statements by the major groups and stakeholders</i>
	3	Credentials of representatives
	4	Report of the Committee of Permanent Representatives
	8	Contributions to the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
Wednesday, 10 December		
2nd plenary meeting		
10–10:30 a.m.	10	Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements
High-level dialogue		
10:30 a.m.–1 p.m.	10	High-level dialogue on “Signed, Sealed, Delivered? - Turbocharging MEA implementation through whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches”
High-level dialogue		
3–5 p.m.	10	High-level dialogue on “Keeping the Promise - Boosting SDG implementation through the MEAs”
Moderated discussion on conclusions		
5–6 p.m.	10	High-level moderated discussion on the conclusions of MEAs Day
Thursday, 11 December		
3rd plenary meeting		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	9	High-level segment <i>Opening of the high-level segment</i> <i>National statements</i>
4th plenary meeting		
3–6 p.m.	3	Credentials of representatives (<i>resumed</i>)
	9	High-level segment (<i>continued</i>) <i>National statements</i>

¹ A committee of the whole, if established, will meet from Monday to Wednesday.

Leadership dialogue 1

3–4.30 p.m.	9	Leadership dialogue on “An Ounce of Prevention Beats a Tonne of Cure: Why addressing environmental crises is essential for human health”
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Multi-stakeholder dialogue

4.30–6 p.m.	9	Multi-stakeholder dialogue on “Resilience through inclusive partnerships: Catalyzing solutions across sectors”
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5th plenary meeting

7.30 p.m.	9	High-level segment (<i>continued</i>) <i>National statements</i>
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Friday, 1 March**6th plenary meeting**

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	9	High-level segment (<i>continued</i>) <i>National statements</i>
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Leadership dialogue 2

10–11.30 a.m.	9	Leadership dialogue on “Round and Round: Why circularity and sustainability are critical to the future of global industry”
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Leadership dialogue 3

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	9	Leadership dialogue on “The Bottom Line: Why tackling environmental degradation is critical to the future of the global financial system”
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7th plenary meeting

3–6 p.m.	9	High-level segment (<i>continued</i>) <i>Presentation of the summaries of the leadership dialogues and the multi-stakeholder dialogue</i>
	12	Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session <i>Action on the draft ministerial declaration</i>
	10	Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements (<i>resumed</i>) <i>Presentation of the summaries of the high-level dialogues</i>
	5, 6	International environmental policy and governance issues; programme of work and budget and other administrative and budgetary issues: <i>joint consideration</i> <i>Consideration of the report of the committee of the whole</i>
	12	Adoption of the resolutions, decisions and outcome document of the session <i>Action on all draft resolutions and draft decisions</i>
	7	Stakeholder engagement (<i>resumed</i>)
	13	Election of officers
	11	Provisional agenda, dates and venue of the eighth session of the Environment Assembly
	14	Other matters
	15	Adoption of the report of the session
	16	Closure of the session